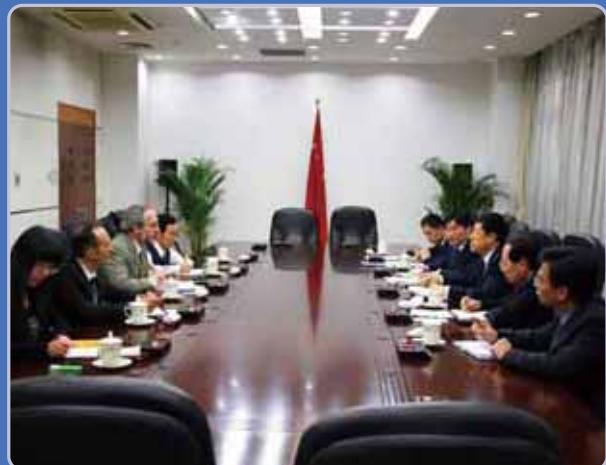


Visit of Dr. Juan Lubroth, FAO Chief Veterinary Officer to China

FAO Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Dr Juan Lubroth visited China from 17th January to 20th January. During his visit, ECTAD China staff briefed Juan on the main project activities and the progress on China FETPV training. Dr Lubroth also attended the 3rd China FETPV Steering Committee Meeting and met with the CVO of China and DG of the Veterinary Bureau of MoA, China. Juan shared his vision on the way to improve epidemiological methodology at central and provincial level through the FETPV model. During the meeting with CVO Dr. Yu Kangzheng of MoA, China, Dr. Yu Kangzhen expressed his gratitude to FAO for the effective assistance provided in facing the H5N1 HPAI threat through improved surveillance, response efforts and training, especially at community level. Drs Lubroth and Martin, reiterated the importance of epidemiology in decision making and cost efficient targeted approaches, and were pleased to underline the commitment the MoA/Veterinary Bureau was making towards the USAID-funded FETPV project. Dr. Lubroth also made courtesy visits to the US Embassy (USDA and USAID) and EU first Counsellor. He also visited WHO China and discuss with Michael O'Leary, WHO representative, the One Health Agenda and its implementation in China.



▲ Meeting with CVO of MoA, China

China FETPV 3rd Steering Committee Meeting



▲ Group photo for 3rd China FETPV SC Meeting

The 3rd Steering Committee Meeting for China FETPV was held on 18th January 2011 at Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) of China. The FAO CVO Juan Lubroth, FAO ECTAD China staff, representatives from MoA, CAHEC, USCDC, and LHESP/Canada attended the meeting.

The working group on training curriculum development firstly briefed the Steering Committee (SC) members on the 1st module evaluation's result, the updated Training Program Scheme for 2011 and discussed ideas related to program improvement. Since case study serves as one of the most important components of the China FETPV training, and trainees also expressed their needs to have more practical case studies during their future training, a lot of discussions revolved around this topic. At the end of the meeting, the FAO CVO Juan Lubroth made some closing remarks and expressed his appreciation to the Steering Committee for the achievements so far made by China FETPV.

Upcoming activities

Year 2011 is the Year of Rabbit according to the Chinese tradition. This year's Chinese Spring Festival will start from 3rd February. Wish you and your family Happy Chinese New Year!

新年快乐 (Xin Nian Kuai Le)!